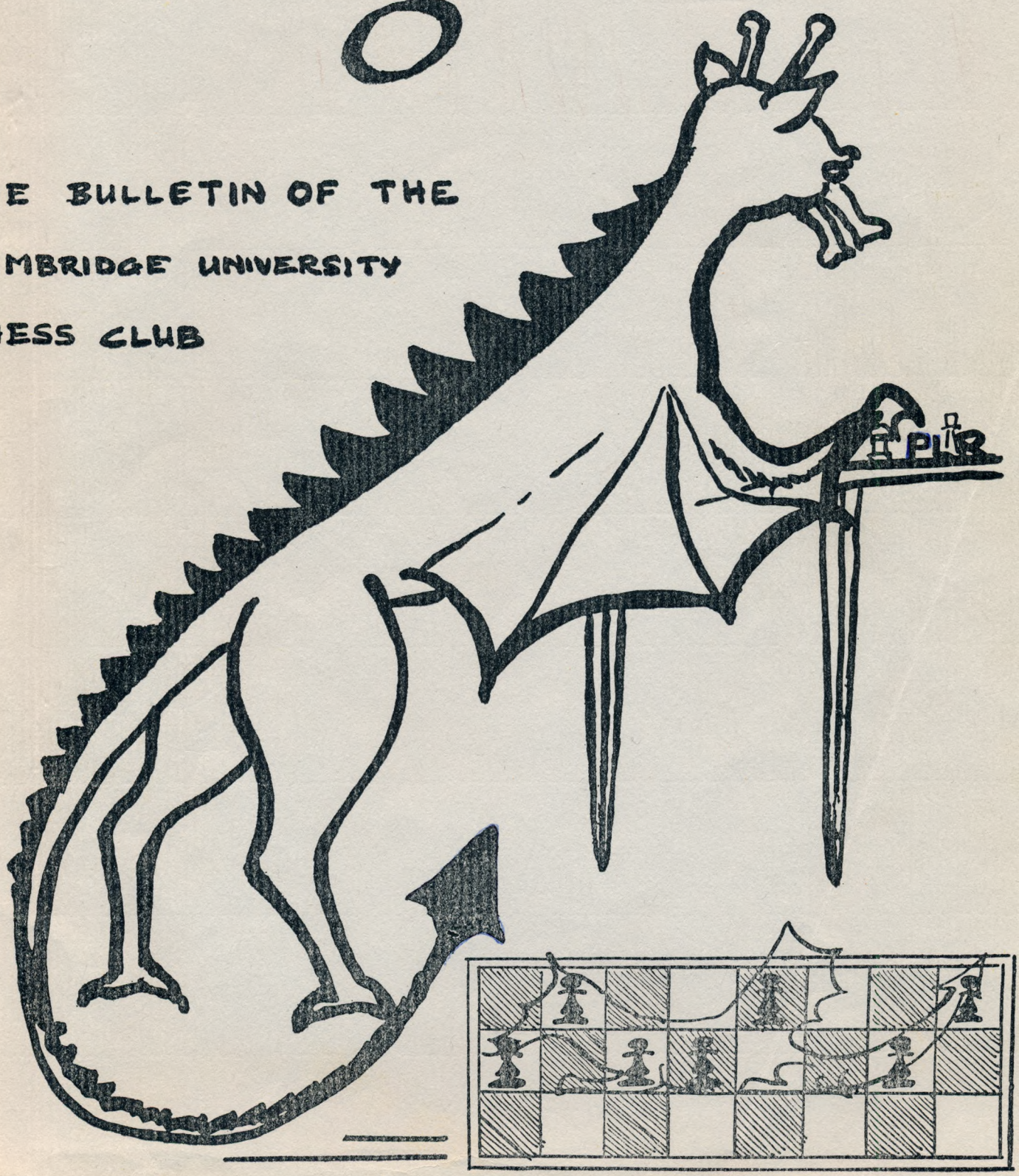
dragon

THE BULLETIN OF THE
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
CHESS CLUB



DRAGON

THE BULLETIN OF THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CHESS CLUB

Volume 15 October 1973 Numbers 42 & 43

Editorial

You are about to read the official organ of the strongest chess club in the country. The more observant of you may have noticed that this is a double number, compensating for the failure of last year's Dragon Editor to fulfil his quota. Unfortunately the temporary defection of this year's editor has made impossible the size increase commensurate with this situation, but regular readers are assured that we have further goodies awaiting the more leisured production schedule of next term's issue.

We should like to give the traditional thanks to all who have helped with the production; in the present case this means ourselves.

Nigel Holloway Robin Pearce
Stephen Taylor Alan Trangmar

A Message from the President

I am pleased to take this opportunity of extending a warm welcome to all new members. Your attention is drawn to the enclosed information sheet, containing details of the many exciting events which the club is organising in the near future. I especially hope to see and play you at the simultaneous display on Sat. 13th. October.

Entries are invited for the best game competition. Half-blues and Dragons are not eligible for this trophy. Entries should be sent to me at Downing not later than 31st. October.

Robin Pearce

Contents

Editorial		1
A Message from the President		1
Match Report	Alan Trangmar	3
including the Varsity Match		4
The Canterbury Races	Michael Stean	6
Vice-President's Report	Richard Bailey	7
British Under-21 Championship	Stephen Taylor	9
British Championship	Nigel Holloway	10
National Counties' Final	Nigel Holloway	12
A Users Guide to the Fares Equalisation Scheme	Nigel Holloway	14

* * * * *

Officers of the Club

President	R.J.Pearce (Downing)
Vice-President	A.N. Morris (Fitzwilliam)
Fixtures Secretary	S.J.Taylor (Trinity)
Match Secretary	A.C.Cooper (Trinity Hall)
Magazine Editor	A.H. Williams (Downing)
Senior Treasurer	Prof. H.P.F. Swinnerton-Dyer (St. Cath's)
Junior Treasurer	N.J. Holloway (Trinity)
Tournament Secretary	J.G. Cooper (Caius)
Social Secretary	A.H. Williams (Downing)
Grading Officer	T. Perkes (Fitzwilliam)

* * * * *

If,for any reason, you are unable to play when invited please inform the match Secretary promptly. If you can play- turn up on time! Failure to comply may prejudice the Match Captain against you.

Anyone with a good idea, a helpful suggestion, a bribe etc. is exhorted to call on me (R.J.P.) at 18 Castle St. and donate his wisdom for the greater glory of the club.

It is hoped to revive the pint-a-point competition during the course of the term, this time with better beer. Since Iam now a non-drinker there would be no problem with finding an umpire all we need is a venue.

From the scores given below it is abundantly clear that once our players (and our opponents) have been gathered together at the board, we are still more than a match for any team in the country. Where perhaps we have been slightly at fault is in the pre-match negotiation against our more experienced (and less scrupulous) opponents, and this year this resulted in a failure to land one of the big ones (National Counties' Championship). However, we still pulled in the S.C.C.U. Counties' Champ., National Club Champ., S.C.C.U. Jamboree, B.U.C.A., Varsity Match and Dragons' Match; while in the friendly matches our only problem lay in finding a team weak enough to meet the opponents on reasonably level terms.

Of the individual players, perticuler mention must be made of the remarkable score attained by Peter Linnell (+15,=1,-1), and a Michael Stean (+8,=3,-0) also secured a high percentage. After all that has been said in Dragon in the past it is particularly pleasant to note the return of Ray Keene, who played in no less than six consecutive matches at the end of the season, conceding only one draw. In addition I would like to thank the many players, too numerous to mention, who supported the team throughout the yer .

For the coming season we shall, as usual, be losing a few players, but with a particularly strong contingent of freshmen I hope that my successor Robin Pearce may succeed in guiding the team to that 100% clean sweep that has so far eluded us.

S.C.C.U. County Matches:

v. Kent Won 14-6
v. Herts. Won 18-6
v. Oxon. Won 12-8
v. Essex Won 12-8
v. Sussex Lost $8\frac{1}{2}$-$11\frac{1}{2}$ (We miscalculated in our efforts to score enough points to beat Kent for the S.C.C.U. title, while simultaneously giving Sussex enough to oust Essex from 3rd place: had we lost just a little more heavily, Essex would never have appeared at all in the National Stages of the competition)

National Counties' Competition:

v. Kent Won 11-5
v. Cheshire Won 12-8
v. Essex (the Final). As this was not decided by a chess match this year, it is reported elsewhere in the magazine.

National Club Competition:

v. Electra of Stoke Won 5-1
v. Hilltop (Hatfield) Won 5-1
v. Bolton Won 4-2
v. Islington (the Final):

Us		Them	
1. W.R.Hartston	1	S.Webb	0
2. R.D.keene	$\frac{1}{2}$	A.H.Perkins	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. A.H.Williams	1	S.Reuben	0
4. M.F.Stean	1	E.A.Isles	0
5. R.G.Eales	1	J.I.Century	0
6. N.J.Holloway	1	A.Helman	0
	$5\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$

 (Match report- continued)
(As far as the play is concerned, the score speaks for itself. But it should be noted that in contrast to the Counties' Final, we had little difficulty in playing this match, mainly because our opponents actually wanted to play us)

Matches against Oxford:

Dragons v. Unicorns Won 8-2

After much prompting, Oxford at last produced a 2nd team, but only succeeded in demonstrating to us why they have not been contesting this match in recent years: the players at the bottom of their team would have had grave difficulty getting into our 4th team.

VARSITY MATCH

	Cambridge		Oxford	
1.	M.F. Stean (Trinity)	1	J.D.M.Nunn	0
2.	P.A.Linnell (Trinity Hall)	0	R.W.L. Moberly	1
3.	A.G. Trangmar (Trinity)	1	M. Fleury	0
4.	R. Bailey (Selwyn)	1	G.T. Haigh	0
5.	R.L. Johannes (Emmanuel)	0	S. Thrower	1
6.	J.G. Cooper (Caius)	1	G.D. Pearce	0
7.	A.C. Cooper (Trinity Hall)	0	J. Burnett	1
		4		3

This year being the occasion of the centenary of the very first Cambridge-Oxford chess match, the well known chess entrepreneurs Messrs. Wade and Keene decided the match should take place in London, rather than the cheaper but less accessible accomodation of Oxford (whose turn it was to hold the match), and since thay were prepared to back up their preferences by actually (if belatedly) organising the match, players, spectators and umpire duly turned up at the super-smooth R.A.C. Club in Pall Mall. Unfortunatlly, in spite of this desireable venue, the large crowdswho attended the first match (said to be about 600, including the then World Champion, Steinitz, as umpire) were not repeated - in particular the 50p appearance fee offered to Fischer proved insufficient - but we did have Kebmc log Yrrah, the European Correspondent of the Semit, as umpire, and a number of ex-players of both sides were present.

The match itself ws more hard fought then in recent years, with the result in the hands of the gods (or, to be more precise, the adjudicators) for some time after play had stopped. Bailey and John Cooper both won efficiently, but Johannes collapsed, and Linnell chose a very bad moment for his one loss of the season. Thus when Yrrah and Wade were let loose on the positions, the scores were level. It was at this point that we heard the immortal words " I am not going to adjudicate this position unless you agree that you are lost", said by R.G. Wood to the hapless A.C.Cooper. However, justice was

done, if not perhaps seen to be done, in the award of a loss on this board, and we were one down with two to go. But after some thought the adjudicators agreed that the remaining games were both won for us, and so we retained our grasp on the trophy.

We have now won 7 out of the last 8 matches, and as a reslut we hold a slight overall lead in the series.

Other Matches:

v. London University Won 20-5
C.U.League v. C.City League Won 14-2
v. Insurance Won 12½-2½
v. Thames Valley League Won 13-5

Tournaments:

S.C.C.U. Jamboree

1st.	Cambridge	7½(out of 10)
2nd.	Essex and somebody else	7
	the rest	6½ or less

Our expected victory in this rather random event was as usual hampered by the resistive properties displayed by juniors: Nigel Holloway inherited the Roger Webb habit of not beating those from Berkshire, while Gus Sugden went so far as to lose to one from Middlesex. But, rather surprisingly, on this occasion the adjudicators did not favour the fat, despicable Essex Match Captain, and we just scraped home.

B.U.C.A. Jamboree

1st.	Cambridge	24 (out of 32)
2nd.	Leeds	21
	the rest	17½ or less

Cambridge Players scores: A.H.Williams 4½, N.J.Holloway 5½, A.G.Trangmar 4½, R.L.Johannes 5½, A.C.Cooper 4, R.J.Pearce 4, S.J.Taylor 6, T.Parkes 4½. Also P.K.Bissicks was lent to Birmingham II, and scored 2½/5 on top board in the 'B' final.

A competent enough performance, considering the number of players absent from our team. Leeds combined their attack on the "elitist Cambridge attitude" at the A.G.M. with a surprisingly powerful piece of rabbit-bashing against the other teams, but fortunately the elitist Cambridge players took all the plebeian Leeds pieces in the individual encounters, thus settling 1st place.

* * *

From the Varsity Match: G.T.Haigh v. R.Bailey

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Be2 0-0 6 Bg5 d6 7 Be3 c5 8 d5 e6 9 Nf3? e:d 10 c:d Bg4? (..b5!) 11 Nd2 B:e2 12 Q:e2 Re8 13 0-0 a6 14 a4 Nbd7 15 f4? Qc7 (equalising) 16 Qf3 Rab8 17 a5 b5 18 a:b R:b6 19 e5 d:e 20 Nc4 Rb4 21 N:e5 N:e5 22 f:e Q:e5 23 Bc1?? Ng4 24 Bf4 Qd4+ 25 Kh1 R:b2 26 Na4 Nf2+ 27 Kg1 Nh3+ 28 Kh1 Nf2+ 29 Kg1 Nd3+ 30 Kh1 Rf2 0-1

CANTERBURY RACES

Michael Stean

As should be common knowledge, preparations are under way for the race of the century - the £5000 Grandmaster National - for which the current is W.R. Hartebeest.(owned, trained and ridden by J. Hartston) The recently held Robert Silk Novices Handicap may be viewed as one of the preliminary qualifying races.

The runners included that dour old stayer P.R. Markland, the promising young bottom weight J. Mestel, the Foinavon of the 1972 British Championships B. Eley, the very fast but slightly inconsistent G.S. Botterill (who may have been somewhat distracted by the fact that his favourite filly was in foal), the experienced tail ender D. Wright, and myself. The Hungarian thoroughbred A. Adorjan had also been imported to act as a pacemaker.

The early stages of the race were dominated by Adorjan and Mestel (who won an impressive game against Botterill), whereas I was brought down at the first fence by Adorjan. However, I successfully remounted and gathered speed while the rest of the field were tripping over each other, my task being considerably eased by George Botterill's defeat of Adorjan.

Thus the result provided another victory for the in-form Wade stables (c.f. A.J. Miles' victory in the Birmingham Stakes ahead of a three-legged grandmaster)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
1 M. Stean	x	0	1	½	1	1	1	4½
=2 A. Adorjan	1	x	½	0	1	½	½	3½
=2 A.J. Mestel	0	½	x	1	½	½	1	3½
4 G.S. Botterill	½	1	0	x	½	1	0	3
5 B.R. Eley	0	0	½	½	x	½	1	2½
=6 P. Markland	0	½	½	0	½	x	½	2
=6 D. Wright	0	½	0	1	0	½	x	2

Games

White: D. Wright Black: M. Stean

1 Nf3 g6 2 c4 Bg7 3 Nc3 c5 4 e3 Nf6 5 d4 0-0 6 Be2 cd4 7 ed4 d5 8 cd5 Nd5 9 0-0 Nc6 10 Re1 Bf5 11 Bg5 h6 12 Be3 Rc8 13 Qb3 Nxe3 14 fe3 e5 15 d5 --After 15 de5 nxe5 16 Nd4 Bg4 17 Qxb7 Rb8 18 Qxa7 Rxb2 Black has excellent compensation for the pawn--

15...e4! 16 Nd2? --Better 16 de6 ef3 17 Bxf3(17 cb7 Re3) bc6 but black is slighty better anyway-- 16...Na5 17 Qb4 Bxc3 18 bc3 xd5 19 Nb3 Nxb3 ab3 White now appears to have excellent drawing chanches, for after 21...a6 22 Red1 Qc5 23 Qxc5 Rc5 24 c4 Blacks pieces are poorly placed, but 21...a5!! Now if 22 Rxa5 Qd2 23 Kf2 Rxc3 or 22 Qxa5 Qxb3 white is lost.Moreover, the white queen has no good square. 22c4 ab4 23 cd5 Rc3 24 Bc4 b5 Bxb5 Rxb3 26 d6 Rd8 27 Rab1 -a miscalculation, but white is lost anyway.- ..Rxb1 28Rxb1 Rxd6 29 Rxb4 Rb6 30 Rb1 -intending 31 Bd3 -...Bg4- -the miscalculation- 31 Kf2 -if 31 Bd3 ed3 32 Rxd6 d2 - 31...Bd7! White resigns. If 32 Bd3 Rf6+)

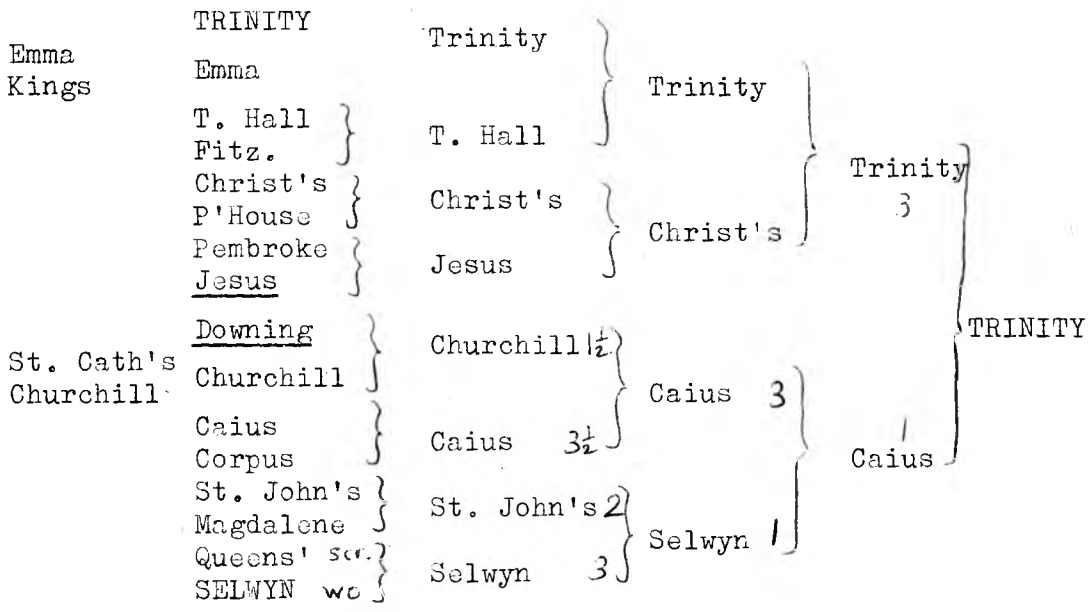
1 e4 c5? (Markland plays the Caro-Kann much better - perhaps he wanted to save a tempo)
2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd4: 4 Nd4: Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bg5 Qa5 7 Bf6: gf6: 8 Nb3 Qe5 9 Qd2 f5 10 f4 Qe6 11 Nd4 Nd4: 12 Qd4: Rg8 13 Nd5 - Black now decided that his superior endgame technique and a pawn was well worth the rook and played ... Qe4+ (the gruesome alternative was Kd8) 14 Qe4: fe4: 15 Nc7+ Kd8 16 Na8: - and Black drew the endgame comfortably.

\- - - - - - - - - - - -

LEAGUE & CUPPERS REPORT

R. Bailey

Cuppers results table



The frenzied excitement that greets cup competitions in other sports is largely lacking in chess. In part, perhaps, this is due to the lack of a real cup, but it is mainly, I feel, due to the fact that, when faced with the task of arranging matches at relatively short notice, the gross ineptitude of most College secretaries is revealed. Certain College secretaries preferred complaining that the draw was 'not fair' to the chore of arranging matches, although their interpretation of 'fair' would amaze lexicographers.

This year the seeded teams had a bad time. In the 1st round Downing were crushed by Churchill. In a battle of the Celtic fringes was beaten by Churchill's answer to George Best, ex-Irish champion P.G.Henry. R.J.Pearce, the club's 1st non-playing President, also lost, and indeed, only the eponymous Kneebone retained a little dignity. In the second round however, Churchill were shocked to be defeated by non-leaguers Caius, whose 4-man team was a revalation. 4th seeded Jesus were also shocked in this round as they crashed to Christ's who were led ebulliently into the semi-final by Mister Eales - a man whose play is full of sound and fury. The semi-final saw Caius put

out 2nd-seeded Selwyn while Trinity, smooth as ever, confidence supperating from every pore, eliminated Christs. To my great surprise the final was played in Trinity just before the end of term. The result (a 3-1 victory to Trinity) should come as no shock, but the manner of their winning leaves hope that next years league competition may yet be interesting. The top-board struggle between M. F. Stean and J.G. Cooper was exciting and maybe double -edged but, of course,Cooper duly lost in a time-scramble.The main excitment on Bd. 2 came when Marley played alegal move in reply to the final move of Holloway's "mating" combination. Surprisingly the position was still won for C.J.H. Both Bd. 4 players showed commendable nerve if little else:- for a large part of the game the player on move had excellent winning chances. In the end it was Taylor who cracked - and won; Bd. 5 was decided by a blunder. Caius could not find a fifth person who knew the moves so Bd. 3 was not contested.

Trinity		Caius
1 M. F.Stean	1-0	J.G.Cooper
2 N.J.Holloway	1-0	C.J.Marley
4 S.J.Taylor	1-0	R.F.Walker
5 J.P.Lawrence	0-1	S.F.Vincent
	3-1	

League. (Detailed results have been circulated to college secs

As ever the lower divisions provided the real excitment and competitive spirit if not the real chess.

Churchill won Div. Two with the greatest of ease but the second promotion place was furiously fought for by St.Caths and St.Johns and was only settled in the last match of the season when Caths beat Johns by precisely the margin required to achieve promotion in highly suspicious circumstances. Did someone bribe Johns to play who they did on Board 1? The relegated teams were Queens' and Caths 2.

Div. 3 was won by Fitz 2 with the efficient Emma 2 following at a respectful distance. King's showed some talent for playing chess this season but,as usual,a much greater one for not doing so--many of their matches were decided by unilateral abscence. Queens 2 were relegated along with Selwyn 2 who were deservedly punished for their apathy.

In Div. 4 Johns3 showed that they should have begun the season in Div. 3,rather than ended it there. Emma 3 eased into 2nd. place.

I would like to conclude by wishing my successor A.N.Morris of Fitzwilliam the best of luck during his year of office.

Yet again the established Cambridge players failed to make a noticeable impact in this tournament.

The President discovered too late that he plays better drunk than sober. In round 3 a promising freshman cheapoed him and two rounds later Murphy tore him apart in typical Murphy fashion. However in round 10 he played what must have been the tournament's most entertaining game, against Staples--see Games.

Murphy, 33% of the terrible Erfies is to be congratulated on winning 6 games and thus a special prize. The ferocity of his attacks must be seen to be believed. Alas he lost his other 5 games. If he could learn the value of draws he could go far.

The ''man'' of the Dark ages from Emma' enlightened us all by scoring 2½ points in the first 3 rounds. The heavy guns soon sunk him though, but he tied with the President on 50%.

Much to Murphy's irritation I scored 6½ points thus leading the Cambridge contingent. The difference in our styles is emphasised by the fact that I drew 5 more games than he did. After the collapse of my 'il ne passeront pas' strategy in round 6 to a 15 year old nicotine addict, I concentated on mini-golf (a much more pleasant pastime, especially if its free) and my play was more successful.

Brief mention should be made of 3 players who join us this year. C.Cooley, who will be helping Trinity score a series of 5-0 wins this year, scored 6 points including 1½/3 versus Murphy, Pearce and myself. Nicholson finished 4th. and Marks 1st.!!. If these results are indicative of the freshmen's strength we may at last have a non-playing Match Captain.

Scores: 1 L.D.Marks 9/11, 4= J.G.Nicholson 8, 8= S.J.Taylor 6½, 10= D.Murphy,C.Cooley 6, 20= R.J.Pearce, P.R.Kitson 5½.

Games

White: D.Murphy Black: C.S.Crouch (1972 Under 16 champion

1 e4 Nc6(a) 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 de4 4 d5 Nb8(a) 5 Bf4 a6(a) 6 Bc4 b5 7 Bb3 Nf6 8 Qe2 Bb7 9 0-0-0 b4 10 Ne4: Nd5: 11 Nc5 Bc6 12 Nc5 Bc6 13 Qh5 g5 (resign?, never! Crouch likes this sort of position) 14 Be5 Rg8 15 Ne6 Qd7 17 Bd5: 1-0 at last.

(a) This is a typical Crouch move.

White: S.J.Taylor Black: M.I.Hassall

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd4 4 Nd4: Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Be7 8 Qf3 Qc7 9 0-0-0 Nbd7 10 g4 b5 11 Bf6: Nf6: 12 g5 Nd7 13 f5 Nc5 14 a3(Randomising the move order. Correct is 14 f6 gf6 15 gf6 Rf8 16 a3 and now Murphy-McAllan same round went 16...Rb8 17 Bh3 Na4? 18 Nd5 and White won with ease) 14...Bd7 15 f6 gf6 16 gf6 Bf8 17 Rg1 0-0-0 18 Qh5 Qa5 19 Kb1 b4 20 ab4 Qb4: 21 Rg3!! Kb8(Black is desperate, his f-pawn is now threatened.If 21...Be8 22 Bh3) 22 Qf7: Ka8(continuing his crazy plan)

Taylor-Hassall (British U-21) contd.

23 e5!! Rb8 24 b3 d5 25 Bg2 Bh6 26 Nd5: ed5 27 Bd5: Rb7 28 e6(Splat) Be8 27 Rg8 Resigns

White: R.J.Pearce (5 pints) Black: M.J.Staples (3 pints)

1d4 f6?! (Theoretical Novelty) 2 e4 g6 (Better than 2...e5 3 de5 fe5 4 Qh5+ 1-0) 3 h4 Nh6 4 f4 Nf7 5 Bc4 e6 6 h5 Nc6 7 d5 Ne7 8 hg6 hg6 9 Rh8: Nh8: 10 Nc3 ed5 11 Nd5: Nd5: 12 Qd5: Qe7 13 Be3 c6 14 Qd3 (14 Qd4 is more convincing. Pearce now 6 pints)14...f5 15 e5 b5 16 Bb3 Qh4+ 17 Kf1 a5 18 a4 Ba6 19 Rd1 Qe7 20 ab5 cb5 21 Nf3 a4 (Pearce 7 pints, Staples 4 pints)22 Bc5!! ab3 23 Be7: (23 Qd5 1-0)23...b4 24 Qa6: Ra6: 25 Bf8:bc2 26 Rc1 Kf8: 27 Rc2: Nf7 Draw agreed! (28 Rc8+ Ke7 29 Rb8 1-0)

The final score in the subsidiary event being:
R.J.P. 8 pints M.J.S. 5 of beer and 1 of milk.

- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP, EASTBOURNE 1973

The championship tournament this year, while sporting the usual motley collection of has beens, never weres, and other accidental by-products of the qualifying system, could nevertheless claim to contain all the real contenders for the championship. (Michael Stean had qualified, but withdrew voluntarily) Cambridge were represented at the top end of the ratings by Hartston, Keene and Williams, and by Richard Eales and myself in the middle orders.

The first half of the tournament was dominated by Andrew Whitely, a competitor in many previous championships, who won his first five games. Meanwhile Hartston, the top-rated player, who was widely tipped to win the championship, had lost and drawn games to trail by 1½ points. In round 6, however, Basman, from a completely lost position, produced a swindling attack which ended Whiteley's undefeated run, and brought the lead again into question.

Regarding the other Cambridge players - Howard Williams, after a promising start of 2⅔/3, had fallen victim to a desire to repeat moves many times in his games, and had drifted back a little way behind the leaders. Ray Keene, after nearly 50 undefeated games in British Championships, at last fell a victim (to C. Pritchett), while Eales and myself had both lost two games and were languishing around the 50% region of the field.

The second half of the tournament saw the collapse of Andrew Whitely's bid for the championship, with further losses - to Williams & Horner, while Hartston, finding his touch again, swept into the lead with wins against Badman and Miles. Williams ended his drawing streak in round 9 with a fine win against Keene, who was having a bad time with the Black pieces in this tournament. Eales and myself had meanwhile fought clear of the dreaded 50% and the last round produced the following

pairings for the Cambridge men.

Williams(7) v Hartston(8)

Basman($7\frac{1}{2}$) v Holloway($6\frac{1}{2}$) Eales($5\frac{1}{2}$) v Keene($5\frac{1}{2}$)

The inter-Cambridge games provided few moves and even less excitement for the assembled watchers, and left only yours truly to defend the Cambridge standard. The saga of the game which ensued will doubtless be the subject of many remonstrations and "objective self-criticisms" for the year to come, for the standard all but fell into the posession of the enemy.(It's destiny awaits the play-off match Hartston-Basman)

Final Placings

=1	W.R. Hartston	M.J. Basman	$8\frac{1}{2}$
3	A.H. Williams		$7\frac{1}{2}$
=4	A.J. Whiteley	J. Horner	A.J. Miles 7
=7	J. Penrose	N.J. Holloway	A.J. Mestel $6\frac{1}{2}$
=10	R.G. Eales	R.D. Keene . . .	6.

Mention should also be made of the retiring British Champion, Brian Eley, whose score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ would have been regarded as quite good for a player of his strength, had he not scored 8 last year.

Games

White N.J. Holloway Black A.J. Mestel Rd 8

1)	Nf3	c5	13)	e3	e5	25) Bd4:	f5
2)	c4	g6	14)	Nd5	Nce7	26) Bb6:	fe4:
3)	g3	Bg7	15)	d3	Nd5:	27) Ng5	Nd5:
4)	Bg2	Nc6	16)	cd5:	cb4:	28) Ba7:	Nc3
5)	Nc3	Nh6	17)	ab4:	Qd7	29) Ra5	d5
6)	O-O	Nf5	18)	e4	Ne7	30) Bc5	Ra5:
7)	Rb1	b6	19)	d4	f6	31) ba5:	Ne2+
8)	a3	Bb7	20)	Ra1	Ra8	32) Kh1	Bc3
9)	b4	d6	21)	Qa4	Qa4:	33) Bb6	h6
10)	Nd5	e6	22)	Ra4:	ed4:	34) Bh3	Bb7
11)	Nf4	O-O	23)	Rc1	Rfc8	35) Ne6	d4
12)	Bb2	Rb8	24)	Rc8:	Bc8:	36) Nc5	e3+

37) Nb7: Ng3:+
38) Kg2! e2
39) a6 e1=Q
40) a7 Qh1+
41) Kg3: Qb7:
42) Bg2 Qb6:
43) a8=Q+ Kg7
44) Qb7+ Qb7:
45) Bb7: d3
46) Be4 d2
47) Bc2 Kf6
48) h3

Drawn.

White A.J. Whiteley Black A.H. Williams Rd 10

1) d4 Nf6 2) c4 e6 3) nc3 Bb4 4) Qc2 O-O 5) Nf3 c5 6) dc: Na6 7) Bf4 Nc5: 8) a3 Bc3:+ 9) Qc3: Nfe4 10) Qc2 a5 11) e3 d6 12) Be2 e5 13) Bg3 Bf5 14) Qd1 a4 15) Nh4 Be6 16) f4 ef4: 17) ef4: Qa5+ 18) Kf1 Nb3 19) Be1 Qc5 20) Rb1 Nbd2+ 0-1

(The moves in the above score are not necessarily in the same order in which they were played)

was not, as might have been expected, contested across the board this year. Reasons for this irregularity are not, however, difficult to find. Cambridgeshire, after winning the championship in 1970 and 1971, did so again, in particularly convincing fashion in 1972, defeating Essex by 11 - 5 in the final.

So, in 1973 Essex had narrowly scraped the Southern Counties qualifying competition (won by Cambridgeshire) and had then succeeded in grovelling yet again up to the final, where their opponents were to be . . . Cambridgeshire.

Well, what would you do if you were a fat, despicable, Essex Match Captain with a reputation which could hardly sink further? You would, of course, try to avoid playing the match (at least, not on level terms). You would be particularly encouraged to do this if you knew that the controller of the competition harboured a degree of anti - student bias more common to a director of L.S.E. than to a supposedly unbiased tournament controller. Of course, you could not simply refuse to play the match at any time, as this might give even the most biased controller difficulty in justifying your case. However, in your career as a fat, despicable Essex match captain you have naturally built up a stock of despicable stratagems for use in just those circumstances with which you are now confronted. And, having noticed that on one of the dates when the match might be played, the opponents top players are required to represent their country in an international tournament, your policy is clear - offer that date, and immediately rule out all others (any old reason for this will do - remember the controller is on your side). You will thus allow the controller to award you the match (presuming the opponents do not play on the selected date) while maintaining some pretence to objectivity.

Did you think of all that ? If so, you too have a future as a fat, despicable, county match captain.

In the event, the strategy outlined above was successful - Cambridgeshire declined to play while their top players were required to play for the British Chess Federation (who are

incidentally the organisation who control the Counties Championship) in the European Team Championships at Bath in July, and Essex were declared County champions. What a magnificent victory!

The above is based on events which took place in June - July 1973 in which the fat, despicable match captain was played by Mr. R.W. O'Brien, and the biased controller by Mrs. A. Hopton. A more detailed account of the events has already been published in the popular 'Chess' press.

* * * * *

A game from the earlier Cambridge-Essex encounter:
J.N.Sugden (Cambs) v. J.B.Howson (Essex)

1)	d4	Nf6	15)	Bg3	Nc4	29)	Q:b6	R:b6
2)	c4	b5 (a)	16)	b3	Na3	30)	Nb5	Rf8
3)	c:b	g6	17)	f4	Nb4	31)	e5!	d:e
4)	Nc3	Bg7	18)	f:g	h:g	32)	d6	Kf7 (e)
5)	e4	Bb7	19)	Qd2	f6 (c)	33)	d:e	Re8
6)	Bd3	0-0	20)	h4	g:h	34)	Na3	R:e7
7)	Nge2	a6	21)	B h4	Ba6	35)	Nc4	R6e6
8)	b:a	N:a6	22)	Rf3	B:e2	36)	Ne3	Kf8
9)	Bg5	h6	23)	Q:e2	Qa5	37)	Nd5	Rf7
10)	Bh4	d6	24)	Rg3!	N:b1	38)	Rg6	Rd6
11)	0-0	Nd7	25)	R:b1	Rf7 (d)	39)	N:f6	Rd3? (f)
12)	Rc1	c5	26)	a4	Na6	40)	Nh7+	Kg8
13)	d5 (b)	Ne5	27)	Rf1	Qb6	41)	R:f7	K:f7
14)	Bb1	g5?!	28)	Qb5	Rb8	42)	R:a6	1-0

(a) No, this isn't a misprint. And the move wasn't a finger-slip either.

(b) Black has now obtained a version of the Volga Gambit which presents none of the usual hindrances to White's development.

(c) Comment from A.H.W.: "Howson usually plays draughts on the white squares; this time he's having a go on the black squares."

(d) Or 25) ... N:a2? 26) N:a2 Q:a2 27) R:g7+ K:g7 28) Qg4+ Kf7 29) Qh5+ Kg7 30) Rf1 and wins, e.g.:
(A) 30) ... Qb2 31) Rf3 Ra1+ 32) Kh2 Qe5+ 33) Rg3+.
(B) 30) ... Rh8 31) Qg4+ f7 32) B:f6! e:f 33) Qe6+ and mates in a few moves.

(e) Or 32) ... e:d 33) R:f6 and Black's position falls apart.

(f) A time-trouble blunder; but after 39) ... Rd4 40) Nh7+ Kg8 41) R:f7 K:f7 42) R:a6 R:h4 43) Ng5+ Ke7 44) a5 Black is lost.

THE FARES EQUALISATION SCHEME

N.J. Holloway

This scheme, which has been in operation for several years in the University Chess Club, is designed to meet the total expenses of the Club's major fixtures (10 boards or more) via a standard match fee payable at all matches.

The amount of the fee is arrived at by division of the total expense for the season (which includes transport, refreshments, registrations etc.) by the total number of games played.

Last year, 1972-3, this fee worked out to be 60p, which was payable for both home and away matches.

This year, the committee may decide to divide the scheme into two parts: one part to cover the matches in the Counties Championship, and the other to cover the remaining matches (sometimes designated 'friendly' matches). Thus there may be separate County and Friendly match fees.

In the past two years, the scheme has been subsidised from the Club's central funds (which are mostly required for the provision of the Club's other facilities such as the weekly clubroom, social meetings, library, magazine, etc.) and we hope to be able to continue doing this in the coming year.

In order to give those who play in matches an idea of where their fees are going, there follows a summary of the major items of expenditure involved in running the Club's fixtures.

Coach hire	£ 20 per coach
Car transport	£ 12 " match
Teas	average 25p per board (home matches)
Reg'n etc.	£35 per year
Board fees	5p per board (County matches)
Room Hire	£8 Per year

Miscellaneous TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The World Junior Championship was held in Teesside, in July, using a curious compound of Swiss and American systems that retained all disadvantages of both. Of the Cambridge representatives, Michael Stean beat the winner but faltered against the weaker players, finishing in 3rd place; while John Cooper came 9th (out of 52).

Nigel Holloway retained his place at the head of the Weekend Swiss Players League, becoming Mr. Wirral 1973, and also winning at Hereford and coming 2nd at Rhyl and Enfield. Also Alan Morris and Alan Trangmar made linghtning raids, winning at Kettering and Folkestone respectively.

R.J.P. was undefeated in the West of England Championship, finishing eual 5th. A.H.W. was prevented by an attack of yellow fever from claiming his usual place in the Welsh Championship.